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- (c) selecting any introduced host cell for the expression of the polypeptide capable of binding p75^{NTR} receptor;
- (d) culturing the selected cell of step (c) to produce the polypeptide capable of binding p75^{NTR} receptor; and
- (e) recovering the polypeptide capable of binding p75^{NTR} receptor produced in step (b).

133. (New) A method for identifying an apoptosis-inducing compound comprising:

- (a) contacting a cell with an appropriate amount of the compound;
- (b) measuring the expression level of a polypeptide capable of binding p75^{NTR} receptor gene and p75^{NTR} gene in the cell, an increase of the expression levels of the polypeptide capable of binding the p75^{NTR} receptor gene the p75^{NTR} gene indicating that the compound is an apoptosis-inducing compound.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8-23, 29, 55 and 56 are pending in the subject application. Applicant has added new claims 131-133 which incorporate the language of originally filed claims 39, 49 and 69 which were canceled by a June 7, 1999 Preliminary Amendment. Support for new claim 131 may be found in the specification, *inter alia* on page 26, lines 10-28. Support for new claim 132 may be found in the specification, *inter alia* on page 3, lines 21-34. Support for new claim 133 may be found in the